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Registration of Births

- At all births, the attending doctor or licensed midwife or the administration of the lying-in hospital issues a certificate of birth. This certificate is presented at the municipal census office. The child's name is registered in a special birth register according to chronological order. The child is also registered in the general census book on the page of his/her father.

Registration of Marriages

- When a person marries, the marriage is registered in a special book in the census office. If the married person continues to live in his/her father's house, he/she continues to be registered on the father's page of the census book. If he/she moves to the home of the spouse, his/her name is crossed off the father's page and entered in the page of the spouse's father. When the married couple establish an independent domicile, a new page of the census book is started. There is a census book for each quarter of the city. Pages are opened in chronological order and according to the quarter in which the person resides. If a person moves to another quarter of the same city, his registration must be changed to the appropriate census book. At the same time the change of address must be registered with the Militia and Military Recruitment Office.
- In all cases where a registration is moved to another page, a notation is made on the original entry.

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Registration of Deaths

4. When a person dies, burial may not take place until a certificate is issued by the municipal medical authorities.
5. In cases of death by violence or accident, the corpse is moved to the morgue where an autopsy is performed before the body is released to the family for burial. Simultaneously the public prosecutor begins his investigation.
6. The personal documents of the deceased person remain with the family; they are not collected by the authorities.
7. A member of the family of the deceased must present the death certificate to the census office of the municipality. The death is registered in a separate book and a notation of the date of death is entered in the census book.
8. When the head of a family dies and is survived by his wife, the wife is recognized as the head of the family even when there are surviving male issue residing in the same domicile.

Residence Controls

9. Since about the beginning of 1953, "House Chiefs" (Domo Upravitel) have been assigned. The Militia appoints a trusted person in each large apartment house or resident of each group of three or four houses as the "House Chief." This person is issued a notebook which he retains and in which are entered the names of all of the permanent residents of the domiciles for which he is responsible.
10. When a family has an overnight guest, the head of the host household is required to inform the "House Chief." The "House Chief" is supposed to enter the name of the guest, the number of his personal passport, and from where he has come in this notebook.
11. Heads of households do not cooperate in this matter; informant knows of no cases where this procedure has been followed strictly.

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